



James and Dolley Madison's Guide to U.S. Constitution Sites in Philadelphia

Old City Hall – Learn about how the Supreme Court protects the United States Constitution. Dolley's first husband, John Todd Jr., successfully argued a case here pro bono before the federal circuit court. (The presiding judge, James Wilson, was an important framer of the Constitution.) Ask the ranger about this case, and what does “pro bono” mean?



Justice



James Wilson

Congress Hall – There were two presidents inaugurated here (Washington and Adams), but what do we call the two houses of Congress? 1. _____ 2. _____



Outside Congress Hall, 1790's



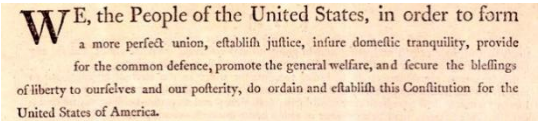
The Senate

Ask a ranger how we know where Dolley's second husband, James Madison, sat in this room. Who gave us this information? _____



When Congressman Philip Van Cortlandt was introduced to Dolley and her friend Sarah McKean, VanCortlandt bowed, and Dolley's young son, Payne Todd, pulled off the Congressman's wig!

Great Essentials Exhibit - See what is believed to be George Washington's proof copy of the United States Constitution. Ask the ranger who was the principal author of the Constitution? _____ What's that funny-looking letter you see throughout the document? _____



Second Bank of the United States - William Jackson was the secretary to the Constitutional Convention. Find his tiny portrait and see what special badge he is wearing in that portrait. What is this special medal called? _____ Find slightly larger (original) portraits of James and Dolley in a different room!



The Printing Office - See how documents like the Constitution were printed. Ask the ranger, who printed the Constitution? _____ (Hint, he also printed the Declaration of Independence.)

The *Aurora* newspaper, printed in Franklin Court, was founded by Franklin's grandson.



The *Aurora* was the strongest supporter in print of James Madison's political party, and was even threatened with destruction by Madison's opponents. Which amendment was strongly (and successfully) tested by the *Aurora*? _____ Ask a ranger about the amending process of the Constitution, which helps to create a more inclusive society.

Final Stop - Independence Visitor Center – Have a park ranger check your answers. You may have to answer another question or two. Collect your prize!

Independence

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



September 17, 2012 marks the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

Follow your map and find the sites marked below. All have a connection to James and Dolley Madison! At each site you will learn something important about the United States Constitution that will be reflected in a feature or exhibit at the site, and learn a funny or interesting fact. ***Answer the questions on the other side of this page, then, collect your prize at the end!***

